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CONSTITUTION BE DAMNED.

Such appears to be the drift of democratic sentiment in corgress and it is well to ponder a while on the recent remarks of Senator Charles S. Thomas, of Colorado, a dyed-in-the-wool member of the party and at the same time a stanneh upholder of the constitution. In an interesting address dealing with some of the present day tendencies of legislation, he expresses much concern as he watches the gradual taking over by the federal government of powers supposed to belong exclusively to the individual states. In fact, centralization of power has grown so rapidly in the past few years that W. H. Hays, chairman of the republican national committee, and the sounder of republican policies, is constrained to sound a note of warning

What seems to worry Senator Thomas is the gradual change in our form of government by the apparent facility which has developed for amending the constitution. A certain formula is provided to the constitution (field for securing these amendments, but for many years, it was found practically impossible to create any public sentiment sufficiently powerful to impress itself on congress and the state legislatures. In the past ten years three new articles have been added to the constitution and a fourthwoman's suffrage-is so far completed that the proclamation of the secretary of state will soon be issued, making it the nineteenth

At least three of these-direct election of senators, woman suffrage and prohibition-apparently take from the states what presumably belong to them and this constitutes a direct menacc to our form of government, because, given the simple formula for changing the national charter, it is within the limits of possibility that a complete revolution can be effected under the stimulus of public sentiment that would be capable of forcing legislatures and congress to act. Neither woman suffrage nor prohibition were supposed to be within the range of possibility a few years ago They are now part of the constitution, and, in the case of prohibition at least, clothe the national government with powers that certainly never were contemplated by the original constitution makers. For two decades the opinion among public men has been that the constitution was so difficult of amendment that compara tively small minorities could defeat any proposal, even if it were a really valuable one. It will be recalled that Elihu Root opposed while in the senate, the proposed amendment to elect senators by popular vote of the sole ground that he did not believe that any movement should be encouraged to change the constitution, for he did not believe it the course of wisdom to make these changes 80 No No No No No No No

FUNCTIONS OF GOVERNMENT.

Partisanship and politics usade, Governor Lowden, candidate for president on the republican ticket, gives expression to a truth that is in evidence in this state more and more every two years. "There has been a tendency in government, municipal, state and federal, for many years to constantly enlarge the functions of government. Sometimes this has been justified, sometimes it has not," the Himois executive went on to state in a public address. "But whether justified or not the fact remains that whenever government has taken on a new function, it is almost impossible to cancel that function even though it be no longer needed." It is to the credit of Governor Lowden that on being elected to his larger scale the same thing must be done at the national capital and throughout the country. Huge war machines are still functioning and adding to the high cost of living. Bureaueracy is like a snowball, it gathers as it goes,

INCENTIVE FOR OIL MEN The news from Monty, Utah, brings encouragement to those who have indulged in visions of the day when Nevada would be enrolled among the oil producing states. I'tali has worked twenty years on the clusive problem of finding oil bearing sands and, the papers state, that in the destrict recently opened the indications were so gloomy that the arm who invested in drilling rigs had about reached the vertical till to bere was no oil in Utah and that if was a waste of mon y to spend more in following the delusion One intropid pioneer insided on that "just one shot more" which has brought so nonly mines into production with the result that he was awarded with a 1-w that gave encouragement to go This news, will st amounts activity among the oil companies organized to love to the depth where oil bearing sands are supposed to be Novado has abundant evidence of the existonce of oil deposits if the experience of other fields count for anything, and it removes for the companies, which have succeeded in financing their undertakings to press forward with vigor to the goal of success by the eastern end of Nye county and over the barders in White Unic, principally in the White River valley, the formations and geological data all favor the theory that the all drillers will be researched with gushers that will believe those of any of the souther, stat. The presence of sandstone, shales and sands rapped with the anticlines which accompany every or region must mean something. The vegetable deposits or the decomposition of fossils are forcest by the discovery of traces of a prehistoric age that is regarded as contributing to the formation of oil reservoirs held in subjection under enormous pressure that will force the hidden wealth to the surface as soon as the first drill penetrates the storehouse of Nature which, in Utah, has been found closer to the surface than at any other known oil field is the country. All that is required is determination, energy and the courage to make a beginning. Dr Lindser, father of the oil movement in the Laboutan basis, is confident that Nevada will make one of the richest petroleum producers in history. He is wedded to the Fallon field but he is a gentleman of broad attainments who has devoted his life to studying all formations and he asserts that the White River country is one of the most favorably situated for securing early results. Last week when he made this prediction he had not heard of the oil development just over the borders of Nevada and therefore could not have based his prophesy on the occurrences in Utah during the week. This

region has not been disturbed by volcanic action and therefore the theory of all Nevada being in a burned over state with the bottoms of the reservoirs cracked and riddled by seismic throes is not tenable

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